



Positive Images Festival calling...

Welcome to your September 2020 update

Our news:

In our August update, we informed you about the launch of a brand new YouTube series launched by Emilie Lauren Jones to celebrate poetry from a variety of cultures and languages. 2 beautiful poems have been received in Spanish and English. Click <https://youtu.be/bXicZ0LPZOM> below to watch this week's offering. A new video will go out each Friday and you will be able to listen to people and words from the globe.

If you are interested in taking part or would like more information, please email emilielaurenwriter@gmail.com



And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Albany Theatre** has released its August update, detailing recent developments.

***Chat Central's** September newsletter covers its online events, stress busting drumming workshops and Foleshill Creates' weekly art workshop. Chat Central invites other organisations to join it on zoom online drop in sessions on Monday between 10.30am and 12.00 noon. Organisations interested in joint events, say for Black History Month, Diwali, Christmas, etc are requested to email Heather Parker h.parker@vac Coventry.org.uk

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** has announced the launch of the River Sherbourne Valley Living Landscape project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and matched funding. It is hoped the project will help people to celebrate all aspects of the river's heritage. For further information, please read CAN's newsletter dated 11th August. CAN's special issue newsletter covers: Heritage Open Days – 11-20 September and the Great British September CLEAN (11-27 September), for which United Nations Association

Coventry branch, World Against Single Use Plastics and Coventry Mercia Lions are joining hands.

***Coventry City of Peace**, which has issued its September newsletter, is thrilled to announce the creation of **Coventry Peace Wall**, a virtual art gallery to which you are invited to send your photos or pictures which encapsulate what peace means to you.

***Coventry Transport Museum** reports a new campaign which has been launched to encourage visitors and local people to rediscover Coventry and all the amazing things it has to offer. Herbert Art Gallery & Museum is requesting people to fill their family offer survey.

* **EnV & Coventry Ambassadors** have issued their August newsletter. They have resumed their Welcome Back Walks.

*The **Herbert Art Gallery & Museum** has won TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Award. The Herbert is in the top 10% of attractions worldwide!

* **MHM Coventry Safe Haven @ Broad Street Centre** is offering out of hours mental health support to anyone aged 18 or over in Coventry and the surrounding areas. Tel: 07921 876 065 Email: coventryhaven.mhm@nhs.net

***UNA Coventry** has issued its September newsletter. 12 November will present a rare opportunity to hear the UK's ex Chief Scientific Adviser and Special Representative for Climate Change share his insight and wisdom.

*News from **West Midlands Police: A bitesize video around Invoice & Mandate Fraud has been issued.** The new **Community Initiatives Fund** launched in May 2020 will continue for a further 6 months, until 31 March 2021. For guidance and an application form click on <https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/community-initiatives-fund/>



Did you know?

11 – 27 September is Great British Spring Clean time.

21 September is the **International Day of Peace**.



For your information/action:

***Coventry Peace Festival** will be held from 1st to 15th November.

*This year's **Inter Faith Week** takes place in England, Northern Ireland and Wales from Sunday 8 to Sunday 15 November. The aims of Inter Faith Week are to: • Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels • Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society • Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs. For further information, please visit www.interfaithweek.org

***Job Support Skills** sessions are being held at Cheylesmore Community Centre. For more information, telephone 07510 917 517 or email events@learningthroughhearts.co.uk

* On Friday 11th September (Heritage Open Day), a **craft workshop** will be held at **Coventry Cathedral** from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Children attending it will make mini models of Coventry Cathedral or any building they fancy. Booking essential. www.universe.com/events/lets-make-free-family-craft-workshops-tickets-5LZ3SD

* **Eden Project**, which coordinates Big Lunch, is super excited to announce that in November it will be hosting its very own online '**Festival of Discovery**', for people who want to explore a better future, for themselves and their communities. 5-7 November. More details coming soon on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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